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EXPLANATORY NOTESIntroduction

A survey was conducted throughout Australia in November 1984 to obtain information on child care arrangements made by persons responsible for children under 12 years of age. The survey collected details on the social and economic characteristics of family units (e.g. marital status, labour force status, income, etc.), patterns of usage of child care, cost, and main reason for using formal and informal child care, the level of met, partially met, or unmet demand for child care services, and the amount of care by the husband of the person responsible. Details of child care arrangements were collected for each child in the survey.

Scope and Coverage

2. The survey was conducted as part of the regular population survey which is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (about 33,000 houses and flats) and non-private dwellings (hotels and motels) and covers about two-thirds of 1 per cent of the population of Australia. Certain groups of persons are excluded from the survey such as:

- (a) occupants of non-private dwellings (e.g. hospitals, hotels, and jails);
- (b) diplomatic personnel of overseas governments;
- (c) persons from overseas touring or holidaying in Australia;
- (d) members or non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia; and
- (e) members of the permanent Australian defence forces.

Survey Method

3. The information about child care arrangements was obtained through interviews with the person responsible for the children under 12 years of age.

4. If the person responsible for children under 12 years of age was not available for interview, another responsible adult answered on his or her behalf. Interviews were carried out over a period of 2 weeks commencing 12 November 1984.

Definitions

5. The person responsible for children under 12 years of age was taken to be the mother if she were a usual resident of the selected private dwelling. If the mother was not normally resident at that private dwelling or was not available for interview then the information was sought from the person mainly responsible for the children under 12 years of age.

6. Child care relates to all arrangements made for the care of children under 12 years of age for Monday to Sunday of the week prior to interview.

7. Child care categories have been classified as follows.

- (a) Formal child care includes any care arrangements made for the care of children (when the children were not in the care of the person responsible) at a pre-school, a child care centre (such as a creche, playgroup, kindergarten, or occasional care centre), or through a family day care scheme.
- (b) Informal child care includes any care arrangements (when the children were not in the care of the person responsible) where the children were cared for by other children resident at the selected private dwelling, or relatives or non-relatives both resident at the dwelling or elsewhere.
- (c) Other includes any care arrangements where the person responsible was always able to look after the child (or in the case of the family table, all of the children) in the week prior to interview. Also included in this category are arrangements where the children were not in the care of the person responsible and spent time at scouts, music lessons, sporting activities, hospitals, etc., or where the children looked after themselves.

8. It will be readily appreciated that a child or family unit may have used only one arrangement of child care in the week prior to interview or may have used a combination of arrangements. Rather than merely measure the arrangements most often used, this survey attempts to measure the various combinations of arrangements. In order to do this, several supplementary classifications (called Combinations of Categories, Combinations of Child Care, and Types of Child Care) have been used in this publication.

9. Combinations of categories. This classification is aimed at the category level and indicates the combinations of categories of child care used. Family units and children are classified in a mutually exclusive way thereby enabling a count of total family units or children in the survey. The classification does not take into account combinations of arrangements within categories.

10. Types of child care. This classification measures every individual arrangements of formal and informal child care used by family units or children. The classification does not take into account combinations of child care arrangements either within or across categories of child care. A family unit or child may be classified to more than one type of child care. For this reason totals are not shown in tables using this classification.

11. Combinations of child care. This classification measures the combinations of child care arrangements used within each of the three broad categories on the basis of whether there was only one arrangement used or a combination of two or more. Family units and children are classified in a mutually exclusive way within each category only. This enables children or family units to



## EXPLANATORY NOTES (continued)

## Definitions (continued)

## Combinations of child care (continued)

be totalled at the category level and also indicates the extent to which two or more arrangements of child care within the category have been used. The classification does not taken into account combinations or arrangements across categories of child care.

12. Use of formal child care relates to the use of any formal child care service (i.e. pre-school, child care centre, or family day care) by any child in the family unit in the week prior to interview.

13. Requirements for formal child care is based on the response to the question as to whether the person responsible would have used any formal child care service (i.e. pre-school, child care centre, or family day care) or where formal child care was already used, any additional formal child care in the week prior to interview.

14. Availability of formal child care is based on the perception of the person responsible as to whether any formal child care service was available for their use. No measure has been obtained of the situation where a particular service (such as a pre-school) was available, but a different service (such as family day care) was required.

15. A family unit for the purposes of this survey is defined as a unit containing children under 12 years of age and a person responsible for those children (together with that person's spouse and older children resident in the dwelling, if any).

16. Children, for the purposes of this survey, refers to children less than 12 years of age in a one parent or two parent family unit.

17. Spouse refers to the spouse of the person responsible for children under 12 years of age in a two parent family unit (including de facto, where stated).

18. Husband refers to the male spouse of the person responsible for children under 12 years of age in a two parent family unit (including de facto, where stated).

19. Parents for the purposes of this survey are defined as the person responsible for the children under 12 years of age, and that person's spouse, if any.

20. Husband care refers to care arrangements where children were cared for by the male spouse in a two parent family unit when none of the children was in the care of the person responsible. For future child care surveys it is planned to refine this concept.

21. Cost of child care is money paid by parents for formal or informal child care on a weekly basis or converted to a weekly equivalent and includes donations if they are considered to be a cost by the person responsible.

22. Parents' income group refers to the range applicable to the combined gross weekly income of the person responsible for the children under 12 years of age, and that person's spouse, if any.

23. Definitions of labour force categories used in this publication are the same as those used in the labour force survey. More details can be found in the publication "The Labour Force, Australia" (Catalogue No. 6203.0). For the purposes of this survey, labour force details relate to the person responsible for the children under 12 years of age, and that person's spouse, if any.

## Interpretation of Results

24. Formal child care. Names and addresses of the child care services used were supplied by the person responsible for children under 12 years of age and coded to type of formal child care from a list compiled in each State.

25. A child or children in the family unit may have more than one arrangement of the same type of formal child care, e.g. a child using two child care centres. These arrangements have been combined and the details aggregated in this publication for the child care type.

26. Informal child care was coded according to the response by the person responsible for the children under 12 years of age.

27. No attempt was made to collect individual information where there was more than one care giver within a type of informal child care, i.e. if the child was looked after by more than one relative at different times in the week prior to interview, the data collected were the total care by those relatives.

28. Other arrangements were coded according to the response by the person responsible for the children under 12 years of age.

29. As arrangements such as scouts, music lessons, etc. would not always have been considered as a form of child care by the person responsible for the children under 12 years of age, the response to this type was significantly understated. It is also very likely that the count of children who looked after themselves was understated because some respondents may have been reluctant to tell an interviewer that they left their children on their own.

30. A child or children in the family unit shown in the tables as being looked after only by the person responsible in the week prior to interview may also have been cared for by that person's spouse. Details of husband care are shown in Section 3 and are available for the family unit only, i.e. not for individual children within the family.

31. The carer's place of residence is not intended to indicate where the child care took place, e.g. care by a relative resident in the dwelling may have taken place at another person's residence.

## Reliability of the Estimates

32. Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if the information had been obtained from occupants of all dwellings. More information on this topic is given in the Technical Notes on page 23.

## Related Publications

33. Users may wish to refer to the following publications which are available on request:

- "Child Care Arrangements, November 1984" (Catalogue No. 4402.0)
- "Australian Families, 1982" (Catalogue No. 4408.0)
- "Families, 1982" (Catalogue No. 4408.3)
- "Pre-school and Child Care Centres, 1985" (Catalogue No. 4202.3)

34. All publications produced by the ABS are listed in the "Catalogue of Publications" (Catalogue No. 1101.0) which is available from any ABS Office.



## EXPLANATORY NOTES (continued)

## Unpublished Statistics

35. The ABS can also make available certain statistics of this survey which are not published. Where it is not practicable to provide the required statistics by telephone, they may be available in other forms, such as photocopy, computer printout, or clerically extracted tabulation. A charge may be made for providing unpublished statistics in these forms.

36. For further information on these unpublished statistics please contact Malcolm Greig by telephoning Brisbane (07) 222 6047, or write to Information Services at the address above.

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## Symbols and Other Usages

- .. Not applicable.
- \* Estimate is subject to a standard error of between 30 and 50 per cent.
- \*\* Estimate is subject to a standard error of over 50 per cent.

37. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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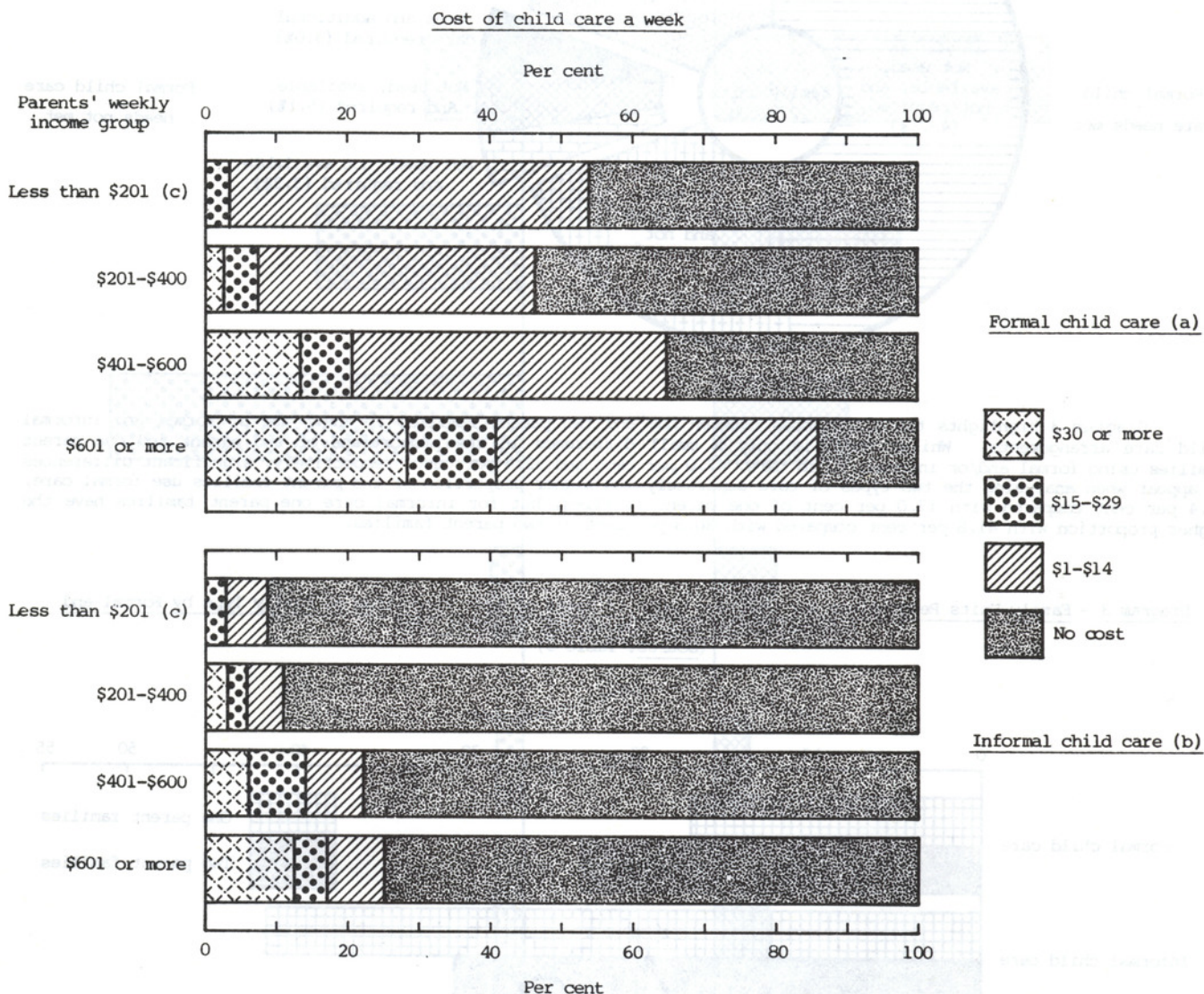


## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

A noticeable feature of Diagram 1 is that money outlayed a week on child care is an increasing function of parents' weekly income for both formal and informal care. For formal care, 46 per cent of families with an income of less than \$201 per week bear no cost whilst a statistically insignificant number pay \$30 or more a week. In contrast, for families with a weekly income of greater than \$600 only 14 per cent bear no cost whilst 28 per cent pay \$30 or more a week.

Costs of informal care show the same relationships but are much lower than for formal child care. For 91 per cent of families with incomes of less than \$201 a week no cost is borne whilst the corresponding proportion for families with incomes of greater than \$600 a week is 75 per cent.

Diagram 1 - Family Units Responsible for Children Under 12 Years of Age: Proportion of Parents' Income Group by the Cost of Child Care, Queensland, November 1984  
(Source: Table 4)



(a) There were an estimated 4,000 family units for which parents' income was not stated, of which 2,500 (62.5 per cent) paid \$1-\$14 for formal child care. (b) There were an estimated 6,400 family units for which parents' income was not stated, of which 5,400 (84.4 per cent) reported no cost for informal child care. (c) A statistically insignificant number of family units reported a cost of \$30 or more for both formal and informal child care.

The extent to which formal child care needs were met is shown in Diagram 2 as a percentage of the estimated 278,600 family units responsible for children under 12 years of age. Of such families, 31,600, or 11.3 per cent, required formal child care facilities. This included 23,300 families not using formal child care but wanting this facility and 8,300 families using formal child care but seeking additional use.

Of these family units, 9,100 (28.8) per cent indicated that formal child care was not available to them, while 13,400 (42.4) per cent stated that the main reason they did not use formal child care was the cost, the service was booked out, the distance, or transport availability.

The main reasons child care was required were "to go to work" by 6,400 family units (20.2) per cent and "to go shopping" by 9,000 family units (28.5) per cent.



## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS (continued)

Diagram 2 - Family Units Responsible for Children Under 12 Years of Age: Extent Formal Child Care Needs Were Met,  
Queensland, November 1984  
(Source: Table 17)

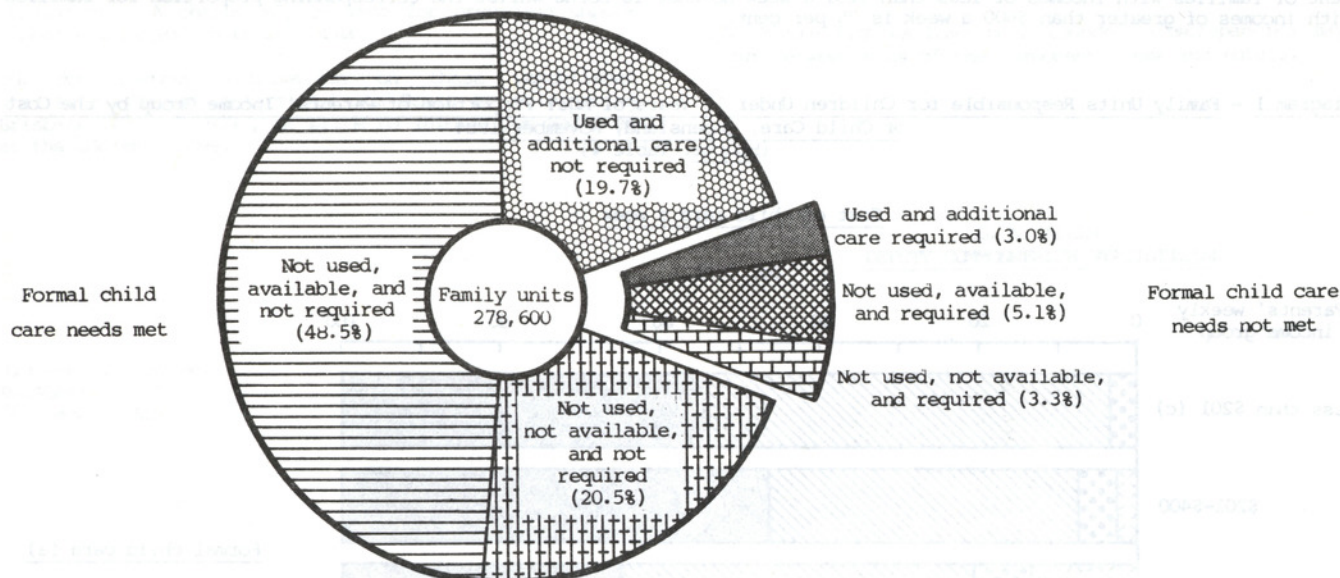
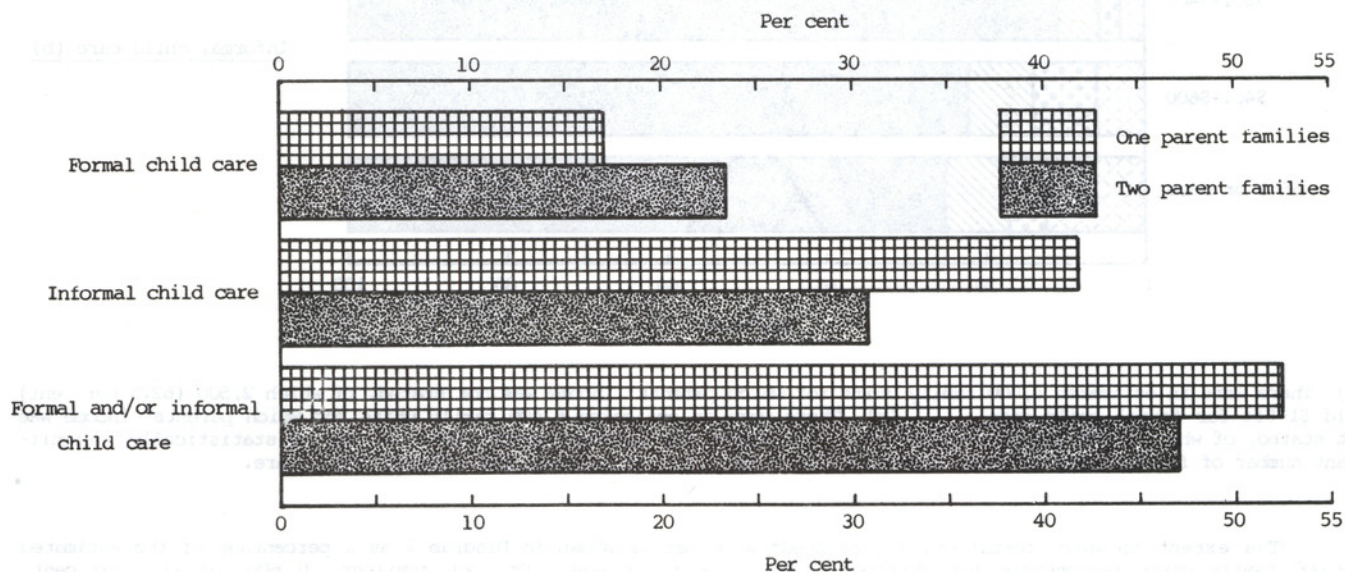


Diagram 3 highlights the differences between one and two parent families in their use of formal and informal child care arrangements. Whilst there is only a small difference in the proportions of two parent and one parent families using formal and/or informal child care, 47.0 per cent and 52.4 per cent, respectively, significant differences do appear when analysing the two types of care separately. A higher proportion of two parent families use formal care, 23.4 per cent compared with 17.0 per cent of one parent families, but for informal care one parent families have the higher proportion with 41.8 per cent compared with 30.8 per cent of two parent families.

Diagram 3 - Family Units Responsible for Children Under 12 Years of Age: Proportion of Family Type by Formal and Informal Child Care, Queensland, November 1984  
(Source: Table 3)

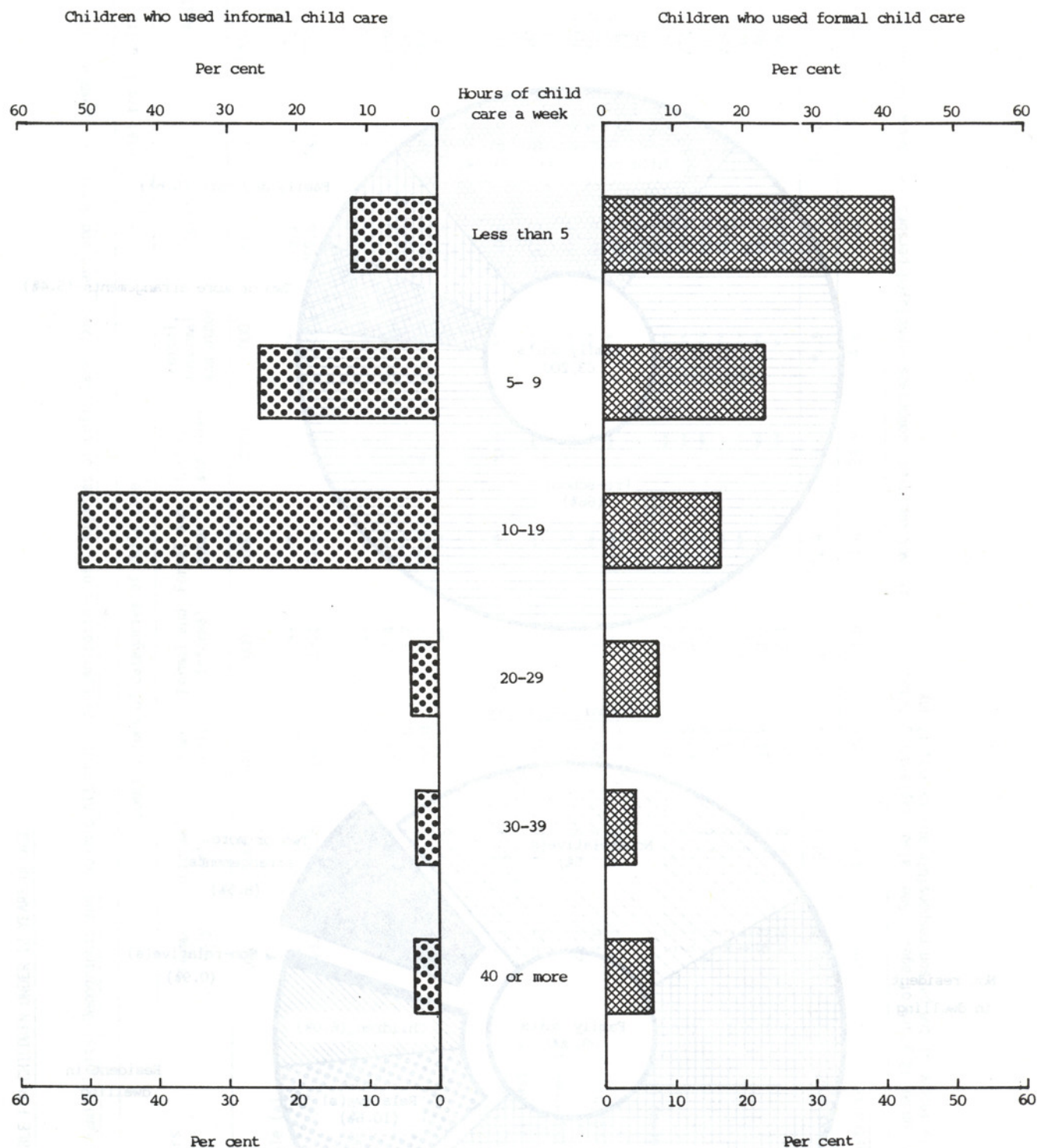


Over 50 per cent of the 70,800 children who use formal child care receive 10 to 19 hours of child care a week. This is consistent with the normal pre-school/kindergarten attendance of five sessions of 2 1/2 hours a week for 3 and 4 year old children. Diagram 4 reflects the short-term nature of informal care with over 40 per cent of children receiving less than 5 hours of care a week.



## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS (continued)

Diagram 4 - Proportion of Children Under 12 Years of Age Who Used Formal and Informal Child Care by Hours of Child Care  
 Queensland, November 1984  
 (Source: Table 24)

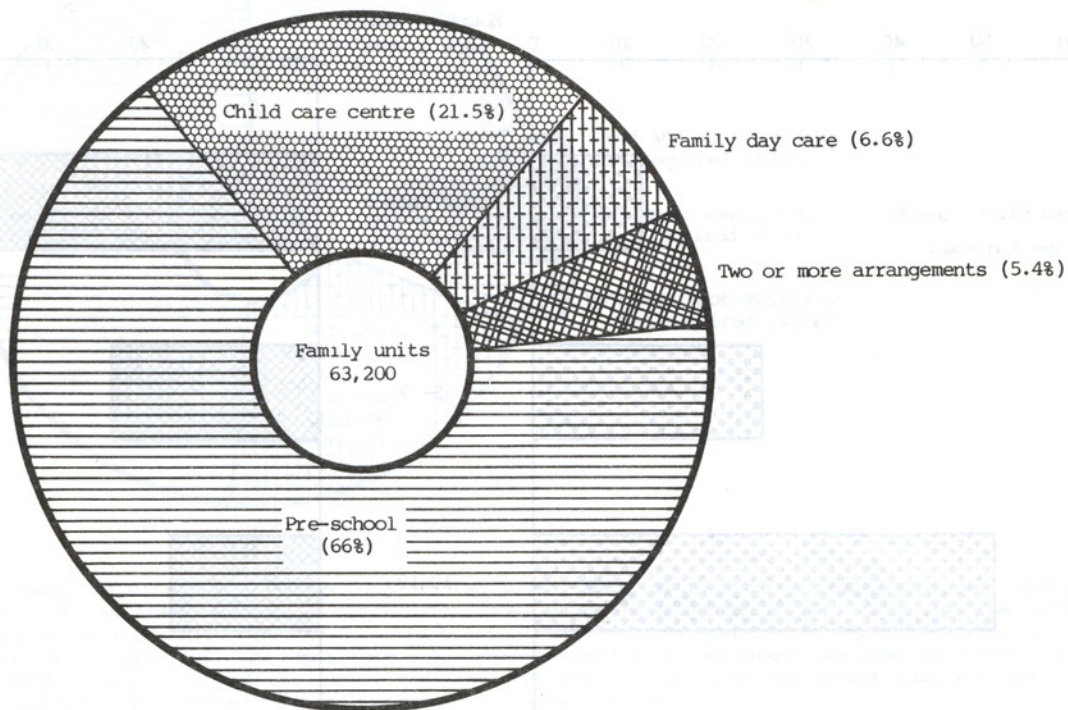


Child care arrangements have been classified to three broad categories, namely formal, informal, and other (see Explanatory Notes). In Queensland there were 278,600 family units responsible for children under 12 years of age at November 1984, of which 63,200 used formal child care and 89,300 used informal child care. Diagram 5 shows that the predominant categories for formal and informal care are pre-school (66.0 per cent) and care by relatives (57.1 per cent), respectively.

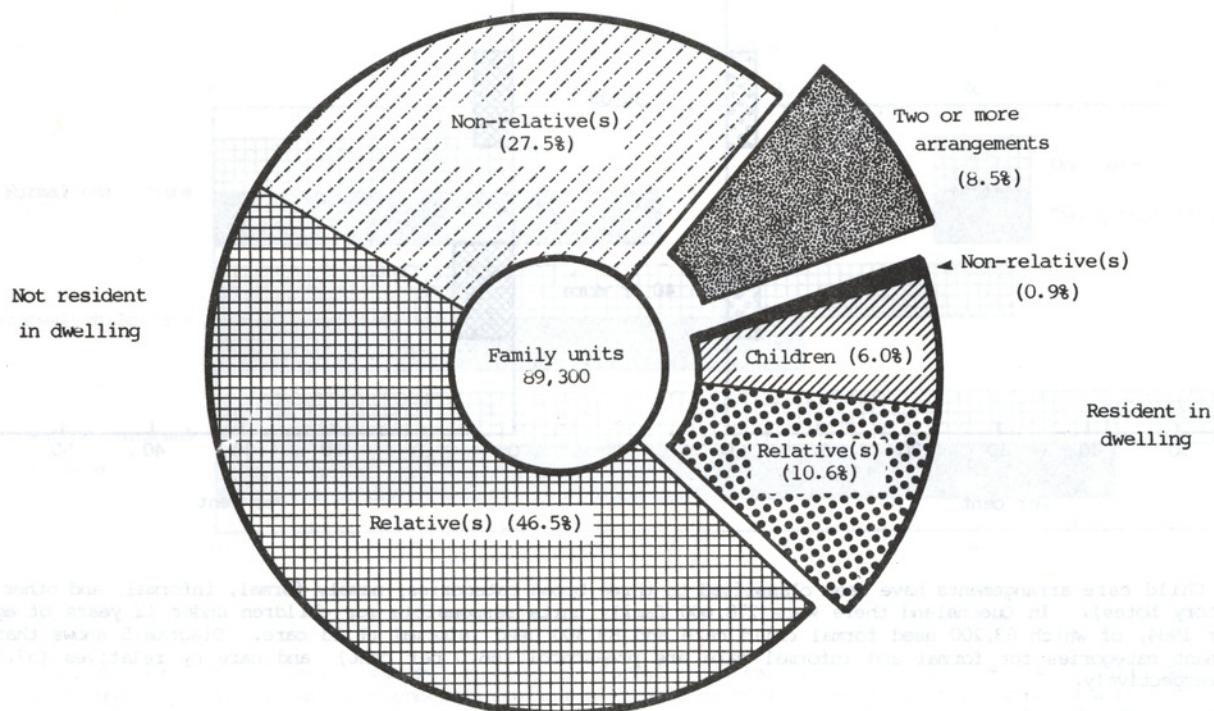
## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS (continued)

Diagram 5 - Family Units Responsible for Children Under 12 Years of Age by Combinations of Child Care Used, Queensland, November 1984  
(Source: Table 6)

## Formal Child Care



## Informal Child Care





# A. FAMILY UNITS RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE

## 1. Summary

Table 1 - Family Units: Demographic and Economic Attributes by Combinations of Categories of Child Care, Queensland and Australia, November 1984

Particulars	Combinations of categories of child care							Total family units			
	Formal only	Informal only	Other only	Formal and informal	Formal and other	Informal and other	Formal, informal, and other	Queensland		Australia	
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	'000	%
Sex of person responsible (a)											
Male .. .. .	*1.3	2.6	5.2	**	**	**	**	9.1	3.3	73.2	4.4
Female .. .. .	40.6	64.8	140.8	19.1	*1.4	2.0	*0.9	269.5	96.7	1,586.6	95.6
Age of person responsible (a) (years)											
15-19 .. .. .	**	2.0	*1.4	**	**	**	**	3.3	1.2	15.5	0.9
20-24 .. .. .	2.8	8.4	13.3	2.4	**	**	**	27.0	9.7	156.3	9.4
25-34 .. .. .	26.7	36.7	67.0	13.2	**	*0.9	**	145.3	52.2	856.1	51.6
35-44 .. .. .	11.6	18.9	55.0	3.5	*0.8	*1.0	**	91.2	32.7	562.0	33.9
45 and over .. .. .	*0.8	*1.5	9.4	**	**	**	**	11.8	4.2	70.0	4.2
Parents' labour force status											
All parents employed full-time .. .. .	5.3	13.1	13.7	3.1	**	*0.8	**	36.9	13.2	252.6	15.2
All parents employed, at least one part-time .. .. .	7.2	18.6	24.4	6.3	**	**	**	57.6	20.7	391.0	23.6
One parent employed, the other not employed (b) .. .. .	23.4	25.9	76.9	7.7	**	**	**	134.8	48.4	743.4	44.8
All parents not employed (b) .. .. .	4.6	8.4	26.0	1.5	**	**	**	40.8	14.5	239.0	14.4
Not determined .. .. .	*1.4	*1.4	5.0	**	**	**	**	8.5	3.1	33.9	2.0
Parents' weekly income group (c)											
Less than \$201 .. .. .	5.5	11.5	26.8	2.7	**	**	**	46.9	16.8	266.2	16.0
\$201-\$300 .. .. .	6.1	12.0	28.0	2.7	**	**	**	49.4	17.7	251.2	15.1
\$301-\$400 .. .. .	11.0	12.6	31.9	3.2	**	**	**	59.6	21.4	318.9	19.2
\$401-\$500 .. .. .	8.3	12.5	23.1	3.9	**	**	**	48.4	17.4	284.8	17.2
\$501-\$600 .. .. .	4.2	6.2	9.7	*1.3	**	**	**	21.4	7.7	165.6	10.0
\$601 or more .. .. .	5.0	8.5	14.2	3.2	**	**	**	32.4	11.6	246.8	14.9
Not stated .. .. .	1.8	4.2	12.2	2.1	**	**	**	20.6	7.4	126.3	7.6
Total family units: Queensland .. .. .	41.9	67.4	146.0	19.1	*1.4	2.0	*0.9	278.6	100.0	..	..
Australia .. .. .	195.7	438.7	878.4	113.0	4.6	24.9	4.6	..	..	1,659.8	100.0

(a) For the children under 12 years of age. See also Explanatory Notes.

(b) Not employed comprises unemployed persons and those not in the labour force.

(c) Combined gross weekly income of the person responsible and spouse, if any.

Table 2 - Family Units: Family Type by Combination of Categories of Child Care by Children Under 12 years of Age, Queensland and Australia, November 1984

Combinations of categories of child care			Children under 12 years of age				Total family units			
			One	Two	Three	Four or more	Queensland		Australia	
			'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	'000	%
One Parent Families										
Formal only	..	..	*1.6	*0.9	**	**	3.2	10.3	18.0	9.2
Informal only	..	..	7.4	1.9	*1.1	**	10.6	34.0	69.4	35.5
Other only	..	..	8.1	4.5	1.9	**	14.8	47.7	90.0	46.0
Formal and informal	..	..	**	*0.7	**	**	2.1	6.6	13.9	7.1
Formal and other	..	..	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Informal and other	..	..	**	**	**	**	**	**	3.9	2.0
Formal and informal and other	..	..	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
<b>Total ..</b>	..	..	18.0	7.9	3.9	*1.3	31.1	100.0	195.7	100.0
Two Parent Families										
Formal only	..	..	8.4	19.1	7.5	3.7	38.7	15.6	177.7	12.1
Informal only	..	..	25.4	23.0	6.8	1.8	56.9	23.0	369.3	25.2
Other only	..	..	66.2	42.1	17.0	5.8	131.2	53.0	788.5	53.9
Formal and informal	..	..	2.4	8.5	4.6	1.5	17.0	6.9	99.1	6.8
Formal and other	..	..	**	**	**	**	*1.4	*0.6	4.3	0.3
Informal and other	..	..	**	*0.8	**	**	*1.6	*0.6	21.0	1.4
Formal and informal and other	..	..	**	**	**	**	*0.9	*0.3	4.4	0.3
<b>Total ..</b>	..	..	102.7	94.3	37.5	13.1	247.6	100.0	1,464.2	100.0
Total										
Formal only	..	..	10.0	20.0	8.0	4.0	41.9	15.0	195.7	11.8
Informal only	..	..	32.8	24.9	7.9	1.9	67.4	24.2	438.7	26.4
Other only	..	..	74.3	46.6	18.9	6.2	146.0	52.4	878.4	52.9
Formal and informal	..	..	2.9	9.2	5.0	1.9	19.1	6.8	113.0	6.8
Formal and other	..	..	**	**	**	**	*1.4	*0.5	4.6	0.3
Informal and other	..	..	**	*0.8	**	**	2.0	0.7	24.9	1.5
Formal and informal and other	..	..	**	**	**	**	*0.9	*0.3	4.6	0.3
<b>Total family units</b>	..	..	120.7	102.2	41.3	14.3	278.6	100.0	1,659.8	100.0

Table 3 - Family Units: Combinations of Child Care by Family Type, School Attendance, and Age of Youngest Child, Queensland, November 1984 ('000)

Combinations of child care			Family type		School attendance			Age of youngest child (years)			Total family units
			One parent family	Two parent family	No children at school	Some children at school	All children at school	Under 3	3-5	6-11	
Total formal	..	..	5.3	57.9	31.0	30.2	2.1	28.4	32.6	2.2	63.2
Pre-school	..	..	2.3	39.4	18.5	22.7	**	17.2	23.7	*0.7	41.7
Child care centre	..	..	2.0	11.7	7.1	5.4	*1.0	6.9	5.8	*0.9	13.6
Family day care	..	..	*0.7	3.5	2.8	*0.9	**	2.3	*1.3	**	4.2
Not able to be classified	..	..	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Two or more arrangements	..	..	**	3.1	2.2	*1.2	**	*1.6	1.8	**	3.4
Total formal and no informal (a)	..	..	3.2	40.1	21.8	19.7	1.8	18.6	22.6	2.1	43.3
Total informal	..	..	13.0	76.3	36.1	24.4	28.8	41.8	20.0	27.5	89.3
Total informal and no formal (a)	..	..	11.0	58.4	26.9	13.9	28.6	32.1	10.0	27.4	69.4
Total other arrangements	..	..	15.2	135.0	43.1	27.7	79.4	53.6	19.1	77.6	150.2
Total other arrangements only	..	..	14.8	131.2	42.5	25.8	77.7	52.6	17.6	75.9	146.0
<b>Total family units</b>	..	..	31.1	247.6	100.4	69.9	108.3	113.0	60.2	105.4	278.6

(a) A small number of these family units also had other arrangements, i.e. children look after themselves and/or scouts, music lessons, etc.



## 2. Formal and/or Informal Child Care Used

Table 4 - Family Units That Used Formal and/or Informal Child Care: Cost of Child Care (a) by Parents' Income Group (b), Queensland, November 1984

Cost of child care a week			Parents' weekly income group							Total	
			Less than \$201	\$201-\$300	\$301-\$400	\$401-\$500	\$501-\$600	\$601 or more	Not stated	Number	Proportion
			'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%
Formal child care (c)											
No cost	..	..	3.9	5.4	7.3	4.6	1.8	*1.3	*1.2	25.4	40.2
\$1-\$4	..	..	2.1	*1.1	2.1	*1.7	**	*0.7	*0.9	8.7	13.7
\$5-\$14	..	..	2.2	1.9	4.1	4.1	1.9	3.4	*1.6	19.3	30.5
\$15-\$29	..	..	**	**	*0.7	**	*0.7	*1.1	**	3.9	6.2
\$30 or more	..	..	**	**	**	*1.4	*1.0	2.6	**	5.9	9.4
Total	..	..	8.5	9.0	14.6	12.5	5.5	9.1	4.0	63.2	100.0
Informal Child Care (c)											
No cost	..	..	13.2	13.3	15.1	13.8	4.9	9.4	5.4	75.0	84.0
\$1-\$4	..	..	**	*0.7	**	**	**	**	**	*1.3	*1.5
\$5-\$14	..	..	*0.7	**	**	*1.1	*0.8	*0.9	**	4.7	5.3
\$15-\$29	..	..	**	**	**	*1.1	*0.9	**	**	3.9	4.4
\$30 or more	..	..	**	**	**	*0.7	*0.8	*1.6	**	4.4	4.9
Total	..	..	14.4	15.3	16.5	16.7	7.5	12.6	6.4	89.3	100.0
Formal and/or Informal Child Care (d)											
No cost	..	..	14.2	16.0	19.3	15.0	5.5	7.9	4.8	82.8	62.5
\$1-\$4	..	..	2.2	*1.6	1.9	*1.7	**	**	*0.7	9.1	6.9
\$5-\$14	..	..	2.9	2.2	4.2	4.6	2.7	4.0	2.1	22.6	17.1
\$15-\$29	..	..	0.7	*0.9	*1.1	*1.6	*1.4	*1.5	**	7.4	5.6
\$30 or more	..	..	**	**	*1.0	2.3	1.8	4.3	**	10.6	8.0
Total	..	..	20.1	21.4	27.6	25.2	11.7	18.2	8.3	132.6	100.0

(a) Where more than one child in the family unit used child care, the cost has been aggregated. (b) Combined gross weekly income of the person responsible and spouse, if any. (c) Including family units that used both formal and informal child care. (d) Family units that used both formal and informal child care have been counted once only.

Table 5 - Family Units That Used Formal and/or Informal Child Care: Hours (a) and Frequency of Use (b) and Days on Which Used (b) by Types of Child Care (c), Queensland, November 1984 ('000)

Particulars	Formal child care				Informal child care				
	Pre-school	Child care centre	Family day care	Not able to be classified	Child(ren) resident in the dwelling	Relative(s) resident in the dwelling (d)	Relative(s) not resident in the dwelling	Non-relative(s) resident in the dwelling	Non-relative(s) not resident in the dwelling
Hours of child care a week									
Less than 5 ..	2.3	3.2	*0.7	**	3.3	4.0	14.9	**	10.8
5- 9 ..	10.8	3.7	*0.9	**	*1.5	2.2	8.3	**	7.7
10-19 ..	30.1	4.6	2.0	**	*1.5	2.2	9.7	**	4.8
20-29 ..	*1.6	*1.5	**	**	**	*0.9	4.5	**	3.2
30 or more ..	**	2.7	*1.5	**	**	*1.5	10.0	**	3.8
Frequency of child care									
Daily ..	26.3	5.3	1.8	**	2.2	3.7	7.8	**	6.6
At least once a week ..	18.6	9.3	3.8	**	3.4	4.4	17.7	*0.8	11.6
Less than once a week ..	**	*1.1	**	**	*1.2	2.7	22.0	**	12.1
Days child care used									
Only weekdays	45.1	15.4	5.7	**	5.3	7.5	31.8	*1.1	23.7
Weekdays and weekends (e)	**	**	**	**	*1.5	3.3	15.7	**	6.6
Total ..	45.1	15.7	5.7	**	6.8	10.9	47.5	*1.5	30.4

(a) Where more than one child in the family unit used child care, the hours have been aggregated. (b) Where more than one child in the family unit used child care, the most frequent usage and most days used were recorded. (c) All arrangements of formal and informal child care used in the week prior to interview. (d) Excluding care by the person responsible for the children and his/her spouse. (e) Including child care used on the weekend only.

Table 6 - Family Units That Used Formal and/or Informal Child Care: Hours (a) and Frequency (b) of Use, Days on Which Used (b), and Cost (c) by Combinations of Child Care, Queensland and Australia, November 1984  
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Particulars	Combinations of formal child care					Total family units that used formal child care	Combinations of informal child care					Total family units that used informal child care	Total (e)
	Pre-school	Child care centre	Family day care	Not able to be classified	Two or more arrangements of formal child care		Child(ren) resident in the dwelling	Relative(s) resident in the dwelling (d)	Relative(s) not resident in the dwelling	Non-relative(s) resident in the dwelling	Non-relative(s) not resident in the dwelling	Two or more arrangements of informal child care	
Hours of child care a week													
Less than 5 ..	2.0	2.5	**	**	**	5.2	2.7	3.4	13.1	**	8.9	*0.9	27.8
5-9 ..	10.1	3.4	*0.7	**	**	14.3	*1.0	1.9	6.8	**	5.5	*1.0	24.7
10-19 ..	28.0	3.9	*1.5	**	*1.2	34.8	*1.4	1.9	8.8	**	4.4	2.2	42.5
20-29 ..	*1.3	*1.2	**	**	*0.7	3.5	**	*0.7	3.8	**	2.6	*1.2	13.0
30 or more ..	**	2.7	*1.2	**	*1.2	5.4	**	*1.5	8.8	**	3.1	2.3	24.5
Frequency of child care													
Daily ..	24.3	5.0	*1.5	**	2.1	32.8	1.8	3.4	7.2	**	5.8	*1.3	49.9
At least once a week ..	17.3	8.0	2.7	**	1.3	29.6	2.5	3.8	15.1	**	9.4	4.1	55.3
Less than once a week ..	**	**	**	**	**	*0.8	*1.0	2.3	19.1	**	9.4	2.2	27.3
Days child care used													
Only weekdays	41.7	13.3	4.2	**	3.4	62.9	4.1	6.6	28.1	**	19.1	4.4	105.9
Weekdays and weekends (f)	**	**	**	**	**	**	*1.3	2.9	13.4	**	5.5	3.2	26.7
Cost of child care a week													
No cost ..	24.2	*1.2	**	**	**	25.4	5.2	9.4	39.6	**	14.9	5.5	82.8
\$1-\$4 ..	4.8	2.2	**	**	*1.0	8.7	**	**	**	**	*1.0	**	9.1
\$5-\$14 ..	11.8	5.0	1.3	**	*1.0	19.3	**	**	**	**	3.5	*0.7	22.6
\$15-\$29 ..	**	2.0	*0.7	**	**	3.9	**	**	*1.0	**	2.3	**	7.4
\$30 or more ..	**	3.2	*1.7	**	*0.7	5.9	**	**	*0.7	**	2.8	*0.7	10.6
Total: Queensland	41.7	13.6	4.2	**	3.4	63.2	5.4	9.5	41.5	*0.8	24.6	7.6	132.6
Australia	193.2	69.6	27.4	10.3	17.4	317.8	47.9	55.1	260.6	6.8	158.5	52.3	781.4

(a) Where more than one child in the family unit used child care, the hours have been aggregated. (b) Where more than one child in the family unit used child care, the most frequent usage and most days used were recorded. (c) Where more than one child in the family unit used child care, the cost has been aggregated. (d) Excluding care by the person responsible for the children and his/her spouse. (e) Family units that used both formal and informal child care have been counted once only. (f) Including child care used on the weekend only.



Table 7 - Family Units That Used Formal and/or Informal Child Care: Demographic and Economic Attributes by Combinations of Child Care, Queensland, November 1984  
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Particulars	Combinations of formal child care						Combinations of informal child care						Total family units that used informal child care	Total (b)
	Pre-school	Child care centre	Family day care	Not able to be classified	Two or more arrangements of formal child care	Total family units that used formal child care	Child(ren) resident in the dwelling	Relative(s) resident in the dwelling (a)	Relative(s) not resident in the dwelling	Non-relative(s) resident in the dwelling	Non-relative(s) not resident in the dwelling	Two or more arrangements of informal child care		
Family type														
One parent families ..	2.3	2.0	*0.7	**	**	5.3	**	4.7	4.3	**	2.5	*0.9	13.0	16.2
Two parent families ..	39.4	11.7	3.5	**	3.1	57.9	4.8	4.8	37.2	**	22.1	6.8	76.3	116.3
Sex of person responsible (c)														
Male ..	0.7	**	**	**	**	*1.3	**	**	*1.2	**	*0.7	**	2.6	3.9
Female ..	40.9	13.5	3.9	**	3.2	61.9	5.2	8.9	40.3	*0.8	23.9	7.6	86.7	128.6
Age of person responsible (c) (years)														
15-19 ..	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	*0.9	**	**	**	**	2.0	2.0
20-24 ..	2.7	2.1	**	**	**	5.2	**	*1.7	7.0	**	*1.7	**	10.9	13.7
25-34 ..	26.5	8.3	3.0	**	2.7	40.8	*1.4	3.7	26.6	**	14.5	4.3	51.2	70.3
35-44 ..	12.0	2.9	*1.0	**	**	16.3	3.8	2.8	6.8	**	7.8	2.7	23.8	36.2
45 and over ..	**	**	**	**	**	*0.9	**	**	**	**	**	**	*1.5	2.3
Parents' labour force status														
All parents employed full-time ..	3.1	3.5	1.9	**	*0.8	9.2	1.8	1.9	6.5	**	5.8	*1.3	17.5	23.1
All parents employed, at least one part-time ..	8.8	3.3	*1.4	**	**	14.1	1.6	2.1	12.2	**	7.0	2.5	25.5	33.2
One parent employed, the other not employed (d)	24.7	4.8	**	**	*1.3	31.7	1.4	2.4	18.4	**	9.1	2.7	34.1	58.0
All parents not employed (d)	4.0	1.8	**	**	**	6.4	**	3.0	4.0	**	1.6	*0.9	10.0	14.8
Not determined	*1.1	**	**	**	**	1.9	**	**	**	**	*1.2	**	2.1	3.6
Parents' weekly income group (e)														
Less than \$201	5.4	2.3	**	**	**	8.5	*1.0	3.6	5.9	**	2.9	*1.0	14.4	20.1
\$201-\$300 ..	6.7	*1.3	**	**	**	9.0	*0.9	*1.6	7.5	**	4.3	*0.9	15.3	21.4
\$301-\$400 ..	10.9	2.2	*0.8	**	*0.8	14.6	**	*1.2	8.7	**	4.0	*1.7	16.5	27.6
\$401-\$500 ..	7.5	3.1	*0.9	**	**	12.5	*0.7	**	9.4	**	4.7	*1.5	16.7	25.2
\$501-\$600 ..	2.9	*1.5	*0.7	**	**	5.5	*0.7	**	3.1	**	2.5	**	7.5	11.7
\$601 or more	5.1	2.4	*1.1	**	**	9.2	*1.3	*1.0	4.4	**	4.3	*1.6	12.6	18.2
Not stated ..	3.1	0.8	**	**	**	4.0	**	*1.4	2.4	**	1.9	**	6.4	8.3
Total ..	41.7	13.6	4.2	**	3.4	63.2	5.4	9.5	41.5	*0.8	24.6	7.6	89.3	132.6

(a) Excluding care by the person responsible for the children and his/her spouse.

(c) For the children under 12 years of age. See also Explanatory Notes.

(e) Combined gross weekly income of the person responsible and spouse, if any.

(b) Family units that used both formal and informal child care have been counted once only.

(d) Not employed comprises unemployed persons and those not in the labour force.

## 3. Husband Care Used

Table 8 - Family Units That Used Husband Care: Demographic and Economic Attributes and Details of Use by Main Reason for Husband Care, Queensland and Australia, November 1984

Particulars	Main reason person responsible used husband care							Total	
	Work	Study, go to classes	Play sport	Go shopping	Social outings	Good for child(ren)	Other	Number	Proportion
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%
Age group of person responsible (a) (years)									
15-24 ..	2.7	**	*1.0	2.0	*0.7	**	*1.3	7.7	9.4
25-34 ..	12.5	3.0	6.0	12.6	3.0	*1.5	7.4	45.8	55.8
35-44 ..	11.2	**	2.4	5.8	*1.4	*1.2	4.6	27.0	32.9
45 and over ..	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	*1.5	*1.8
Parents' labour force status									
All parents employed, full-time ..	9.4	**	*1.4	*0.7	*0.7	**	*1.5	14.5	17.7
All parents employed, at least one part-time ..	15.5	**	*1.6	3.2	**	*1.2	2.9	25.0	30.5
One parent employed, the other not employed (b)	*1.1	2.5	5.6	13.8	3.2	*1.2	7.0	34.4	41.9
All parents not employed (b) ..	**	**	**	2.5	*0.7	**	2.1	5.7	6.9
Not determined ..	0.7	**	**	**	**	**	**	2.4	3.0
Labour force status of person responsible (a)									
Employed full-time ..	10.5	**	*1.7	*0.9	*0.9	**	*1.5	16.1	19.6
Employed part-time ..	16.1	**	*1.6	3.2	**	*1.3	3.1	26.2	31.9
Not employed (b) ..	**	2.7	6.2	16.8	3.7	*1.0	9.3	39.8	48.5
Parents' weekly income group (c)									
Less than \$201 ..	*0.9	**	**	3.1	*1.0	*0.7	1.8	8.2	10.0
\$201-\$300 ..	2.2	**	*1.2	3.5	*1.2	**	2.6	11.6	14.1
\$301-\$400 ..	4.4	*1.5	*1.7	5.3	*1.4	**	3.2	17.8	21.6
\$401-\$500 ..	7.2	*0.9	2.8	3.8	**	**	2.4	18.0	22.0
\$501-\$600 ..	3.1	**	*0.9	2.2	**	**	*1.6	8.0	9.8
\$601 or more ..	7.9	**	*1.7	1.7	*0.7	**	*1.7	14.4	17.5
Not stated ..	*1.2	**	*0.7	*1.0	**	**	**	4.1	5.0
Hours of husband care a week									
Less than 5 ..	7.5	3.1	7.1	16.3	3.8	*1.7	8.1	47.6	58.0
5-9 ..	5.3	**	2.0	3.6	*1.0	**	1.9	14.3	17.5
10-19 ..	9.3	**	**	*0.7	**	**	1.9	12.8	15.6
20-29 ..	3.3	**	**	**	**	**	**	4.3	5.2
30 or more ..	*1.5	**	**	**	**	**	*1.3	3.0	3.7
Days on which husband care used									
Only weekdays ..	16.3	2.8	6.6	12.9	3.2	*1.1	7.5	50.5	61.5
Only weekend ..	4.3	*0.7	*1.6	5.5	1.5	*1.1	3.8	18.6	22.7
Weekdays and weekends ..	6.2	**	*1.2	2.3	**	**	2.4	13.0	15.8
<b>Total: Queensland ..</b>	<b>26.8</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>82.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Australia ..</b>	<b>176.2</b>	<b>25.7</b>	<b>44.8</b>	<b>115.7</b>	<b>39.8</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>85.7</b>	<b>507.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) For the children under 12 years of age. See also Explanatory Notes. (b) Not employed comprises unemployed persons and those not in the labour force. (c) Combined gross weekly income of the person responsible and spouse, if any.



## 4. Formal Child Care Required

Table 9 - Family Units That Required Formal Child Care (a): Use and Availability of Formal Child Care Services, by Family Type, School Attendance, and Age of Youngest Child, Queensland and Australia, November 1984 ('000)

Use and availability of formal child care services		Family type		School attendance			Age of youngest child (years)			Total	
		One parent family	Two parent family	No children at school	Some children at school	All children at school	Under 3	3-5	6-11	Queensland	Australia
Formal child care used and additional formal child care required ..	..	*0.7	7.7	5.0	3.2	**	5.6	2.6	**	8.3	49.0
Formal child care not used, required, and services were Available ..	..	2.2	12.0	8.4	4.4	*1.4	9.6	3.5	*1.1	14.2	75.4
Not available ..	..	*1.0	8.1	3.8	2.6	2.6	5.4	*1.0	2.6	9.1	47.6
<b>Total</b> ..	..	3.8	27.8	17.2	10.3	4.2	20.6	7.2	3.9	31.6	172.0

(a) Comprises family units that did not use formal child care in the week prior to interview and required it, and those that used it and required additional formal child care.

Table 10 - Family Units That Required Formal Child Care (a): Main reason for Use or Non-use of Formal Child Care and Days Required by Family Type, School Attendance, and Age of Youngest Child, Queensland and Australia, November 1984 ('000)

Particulars		Family type		School attendance			Age of youngest child (years)			Total	
		One parent family	Two parent family	No child- ren at school	Some children at school	All children at school	Under 3	3-5	6-11	Queens- land	Aust- ralia
Main reason person respon- sible required formal child care											
Work ..	..	*0.7	5.8	2.7	2.0	1.8	3.6	*1.1	1.8	6.4	40.9
Study, go to classes ..	..	**	*1.3	*1.1	**	**	*1.0	**	**	*1.3	7.7
Play sport ..	..	**	*1.2	*0.8	**	**	*0.8	**	**	*1.2	5.9
Go shopping ..	..	*0.7	8.3	5.4	2.9	*0.7	6.6	1.8	**	9.0	50.7
Social outings etc. ..	..	**	2.7	*1.0	*1.1	*0.9	*1.6	**	*0.9	3.0	12.1
Good for child(ren) ..	..	*0.7	3.1	1.8	1.9	**	2.4	*1.4	**	3.8	18.4
Prepare child(ren) for school ..	..	**	*0.9	**	*0.7	**	**	*0.7	**	*1.0	4.1
Other ..	..	*1.3	4.6	4.0	*1.4	**	4.3	*1.2	**	5.9	32.3
Main reason person respon- sible did not use formal child care											
Services not available ..	..	*1.0	8.1	3.8	2.6	2.6	5.4	*1.0	2.6	9.1	47.6
Child(ren) too young/old ..	..	**	3.0	2.5	*0.7	**	2.7	**	**	3.2	14.1
Prefer to look after child(ren) ..	..	**	0.8	**	**	**	**	**	**	*0.8	6.6
Cost/booked out/distance/transport ..	..	*1.7	11.7	8.1	4.5	*0.7	9.1	3.5	*0.7	13.4	57.0
Prefer other types of child care ..	..	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	3.4
No need/no reason ..	..	**	*1.2	*0.7	**	**	**	*0.9	**	*1.6	13.4
Other ..	..	**	2.8	*1.5	*1.4	**	2.1	*0.9	**	3.2	30.0
Days on which formal child care was required											
Only weekdays ..	..	3.4	24.9	15.7	9.8	2.7	19.0	6.7	2.6	28.3	156.8
Only weekends ..	..	**	*0.9	**	**	0.7	**	**	**	*1.0	5.7
Weekdays and weekends ..	..	**	2.0	*1.1	**	*0.8	*1.4	**	*0.8	2.3	9.5
Total: Queensland	..	3.8	27.8	17.2	10.3	4.2	20.6	7.2	3.9	31.6	..
Australia	..	23.1	148.9	88.0	57.6	26.4	104.0	46.4	21.7	..	172.0

(a) Comprises family units that did not use formal child care in the week prior to interview and required it, and those that used it and required additional formal child care.



## 5. Formal Child Care Used and Additional Formal Care Not Required

Table 11 - Family Units That Used Formal Child Care and Did Not Require Additional Formal Child Care: Main Reason by Family Type, School Attendance, and Age of Youngest Child, Queensland and Australia, November 1984

Main reason person responsible did not require additional formal child care	Family type		School attendance			Age of youngest child (years)			Total	
	One parent family	Two parent family	No children at school	Some children at school	All children at school	Under 3	3-5	6-11	Number	Proportion
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%
Child(ren) too young/old ..	**	1.5	*0.7	*0.8	**	*1.4	**	**	*1.5	*2.7
Prefer to look after child(ren)	**	6.9	3.9	3.6	**	3.3	4.1	**	7.5	13.7
Cost/booked out/distance/transport ..	**	2.3	*1.1	1.8	**	*1.0	1.9	**	2.9	5.3
Prefer other types of child care	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
No need/no reason ..	3.5	38.0	19.1	20.5	1.9	16.1	23.5	1.9	41.5	75.7
Other ..	**	*0.9	*0.7	**	**	**	**	**	*0.9	*1.6
<b>Total: Queensland</b> ..	4.6	50.3	26.0	26.9	1.9	22.8	30.0	2.1	54.8	100.0
<b>Australia</b> ..	26.9	241.9	131.3	123.8	13.7	117.6	139.6	11.6	268.8	100.0

Table 12 - Family Units That Used Formal Child Care and Did Not Require Additional Formal Child Care: Demographic and Economic Attributes by Family Type, School Attendance, and Age of Youngest Child, Queensland and Australia, November 1984

Main reason person responsible did not require additional formal child care	Family type		School attendance			Age of youngest child (years)			Total	
	One parent family	Two parent family	No children at school	Some children at school	All children at school	Under 3	3-5	6-11	Number	Proportion
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%
<b>Age group of person responsible (a) (years)</b>										
15-24 ..	**	3.4	3.6	**	**	3.1	*0.8	**	4.0	7.2
25-34 ..	3.1	32.8	17.3	17.9	*0.8	17.5	17.7	*0.7	35.9	65.5
35-44 ..	*0.7	13.4	5.0	8.1	*1.0	2.2	10.8	*1.2	14.1	25.7
45 and over ..	**	**	**	**	**	**	*0.7	**	*0.9	*1.6
<b>Parents' labour force status</b>										
All parents employed full-time ..	*0.9	7.7	4.5	3.1	*1.0	2.0	5.5	*1.0	8.6	15.7
All parents employed, at least one part-time ..	*0.9	11.8	6.3	5.8	**	3.8	8.3	**	12.7	23.1
One parent employed, the other not employed (b) ..	**	27.1	12.2	14.7	**	14.7	12.1	**	27.1	49.8
All parents not employed (b) ..	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.8	**	1.8	3.6	**	5.5	10.1
Not determined ..	**	*1.0	**	**	**	**	**	**	*1.0	*1.8
<b>Parents weekly income group</b>										
Less than \$201 ..	3.4	4.0	3.7	3.4	**	2.3	4.8	**	7.5	13.6
\$201-\$300 ..	**	7.3	3.3	4.1	**	3.6	3.8	**	7.9	14.4
\$301-\$400 ..	**	12.9	5.8	7.0	**	6.1	6.7	**	13.0	23.7
\$401-\$500 ..	**	10.3	6.2	4.1	**	5.1	5.0	**	10.4	19.0
\$501-\$600 ..	**	4.4	*1.5	2.6	**	*1.2	2.9	**	4.7	8.5
\$601 or more ..	**	7.7	3.7	3.7	**	2.8	4.6	**	7.7	14.0
Not stated ..	**	3.7	1.8	1.9	**	*1.6	2.1	**	3.7	6.8
<b>Number of children in the family unit under 12 years of age</b>										
1 ..	2.1	9.7	10.4	**	1.5	3.0	7.3	*1.5	11.8	21.6
2 ..	*1.1	24.3	12.8	12.2	**	10.1	14.9	**	25.5	46.4
3 ..	*0.8	11.5	2.5	9.7	**	6.0	6.1	**	12.2	22.3
4 or more ..	**	4.7	**	5.0	**	3.7	*1.6	**	5.3	9.7
<b>Total: Queensland</b> ..	4.6	50.3	26.0	26.9	1.9	22.8	30.0	2.1	54.8	100.0
<b>Australia</b> ..	26.9	241.9	131.3	123.8	13.7	117.6	139.6	11.6	268.8	100.0

(a) For the children under 12 years of age. See also Explanatory Notes. (b) Not employed comprises unemployed persons and those not in the labour force. (c) Combined gross weekly income of the person responsible and spouse, if any.



## 6. Formal Child Care Not Used and Not Required

Table 13 - Family Units That Did Not Use Formal Child Care and Did Not Require It: Availability of Formal Child Care Services by Main Reason Person Responsible Did Not Require Formal Child Care, Queensland and Australia, November 1984

Availability of formal child care services	Main reason person responsible did not require formal child care								Total
		Child(ren) too young	Child(ren) too old	Prefer to look after child(ren)	Cost/booked out/distance/transport	Prefer other types of child care	No need/no reason	Other	
Available									
Queensland ..	'000	5.6	5.8	14.0	2.1	7.8	96.3	3.4	135.0
	%	4.1	4.3	10.4	*1.6	5.8	71.3	2.5	100.0
Australia ..	'000	35.0	37.4	110.1	20.0	54.9	521.3	18.8	797.4
	%	4.4	4.7	13.8	2.5	6.9	65.4	2.4	100.0
Not available									
Queensland ..	'000	3.2	5.5	8.7	1.8	4.6	31.8	*1.5	57.1
	%	5.6	9.6	15.2	3.2	8.1	55.7	*2.6	100.0
Australia ..	'000	19.9	42.6	67.5	13.2	34.7	232.1	11.5	421.6
	%	4.7	10.1	16.0	3.1	8.2	55.1	2.7	100.0
Total: Queensland	'000	8.8	11.3	22.7	3.9	12.5	128.1	4.8	192.1
	%	4.6	5.9	11.8	2.0	6.5	66.7	2.5	100.0
Australia	'000	54.9	80.0	177.6	33.2	89.6	753.4	30.3	1,219.0
	%	4.5	6.6	14.6	2.7	7.4	61.8	2.5	100.0

Table 14 - Family Units That Did Not Use Formal Child Care and Did Not Require It: Demographic and Economic Attributes by Family Type, School Attendance, and Age of Youngest Child, Queensland, November 1984

Particulars	Family type		School attendance			Age of youngest child (years)			Total	
	One parent family	Two parent family	No child- ren at school	Some children at school	All children at school	Under 3	3-5	6-11	Number	Proportion
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%
Age group of person responsible (a) (years)										
15-24 ..	3.4	17.3	18.9	1.8	**	19.6	1.1	**	20.7	10.8
25-34 ..	9.9	80.6	33.0	22.0	35.4	42.4	13.6	34.4	90.4	47.1
35-44 ..	8.1	62.2	4.9	8.7	56.7	7.4	7.7	55.2	70.3	36.6
45 and over ..	*1.3	9.5	**	**	10.1	**	**	9.9	10.7	5.6
Parents' labour force status										
All parents employed full-time ..	3.8	21.2	2.8	*1.7	20.5	2.9	1.9	20.2	25.0	13.0
All parents employed, at least one part-time ..	2.8	36.9	6.8	6.3	26.6	9.7	4.2	25.9	39.7	20.7
One parent employed, the other not employed (b) ..	**	92.0	36.5	18.7	36.8	43.4	12.7	35.8	92.0	47.9
All parents not employed (b) ..	16.0	13.4	10.2	4.3	15.0	11.1	4.1	14.3	29.5	15.3
Not determined ..	**	6.0	*0.9	1.8	3.3	2.5	**	3.3	6.0	3.1
Parents' weekly income group										
Less than \$201 ..	16.9	16.5	11.9	5.4	16.1	12.4	5.4	15.7	33.4	17.4
\$201-\$300 ..	2.6	32.4	11.8	5.3	17.9	14.2	3.6	17.3	35.0	18.2
\$301-\$400 ..	*1.3	39.3	14.3	8.7	17.7	17.5	5.7	17.4	40.7	21.2
\$401-\$500 ..	*0.7	32.2	9.0	6.8	16.9	11.6	4.5	16.8	32.8	17.1
\$501-\$600 ..	**	13.7	2.8	3.2	7.9	5.0	*1.3	7.6	13.9	7.2
\$601 or more ..	**	21.1	4.0	*1.2	16.0	4.6	*1.1	15.5	21.2	11.0
Not stated ..	*0.9	14.2	3.4	2.0	9.7	4.4	*1.4	9.2	15.1	7.9
Number of children in the family unit under 12 years of age										
1 ..	13.9	83.7	37.0	**	60.7	32.2	5.9	59.5	97.6	50.8
2 ..	5.7	58.6	19.0	11.8	33.4	22.0	9.9	32.3	64.2	33.4
3 ..	2.5	21.3	*1.1	15.6	7.1	11.4	5.7	6.7	23.8	12.4
4 or more ..	**	5.9	**	5.3	*1.1	4.0	*1.6	*0.9	6.5	3.4
Total ..	22.7	169.5	57.2	32.7	102.2	69.6	23.0	99.5	192.1	100.0

(a) For the children under 12 years of age. See also Explanatory Notes. (b) Not employed comprises unemployed persons and those not in the labour force. (c) Combined gross weekly income of the person responsible and spouse, if any.

## B. PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE

Table 15 - Persons Responsible for Children Under 12 Years of Age: Family Type by Labour Force Status by Combinations of Categories of Child Care, Queensland and Australia, November 1984

Labour force status of person responsible		Combinations of categories of child care							Total	
		Formal only	Informal only	Other only	Formal and informal	Formal and other	Informal and other	Formal, informal, and other	Number	Proportion
		'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%
One Parent Families										
Employed full-time	..	*0.7	2.4	*1.5	**	**	**	**	5.1	16.4
Employed part-time	..	**	2.1	*1.0	*0.6	**	**	**	4.1	13.1
Not employed (a)	..	2.2	6.1	12.3	*1.3	**	**	**	21.9	70.5
<u>Total</u>	..	3.2	10.5	14.8	2.1	**	**	**	31.1	100.0
Two Parent Families										
Employed full-time	..	5.5	12.0	15.5	3.2	**	*0.8	**	37.9	15.3
Employed part-time	..	6.8	17.1	24.2	5.8	**	**	**	54.8	22.1
Not employed (a)	..	26.4	27.7	91.5	8.0	**	**	**	154.9	62.6
<u>Total</u>	..	38.7	56.9	131.2	17.0	*1.4	*1.6	*0.9	247.6	100.0
Total										
Employed full-time	..	6.3	14.4	17.1	3.3	**	*1.1	**	43.0	15.4
Employed part-time	..	7.0	19.2	25.1	6.5	**	**	**	58.9	21.1
Not employed (a)	..	28.6	33.8	103.8	9.3	**	**	**	176.8	63.4
<u>Total: Queensland</u>	..	41.9	67.4	146.0	19.1	*1.4	2.0	*0.9	278.6	100.0
<u>Australia</u>	..	195.7	438.7	878.4	113.0	4.6	24.9	4.6	1,659.8	100.0

(a) Comprises unemployed persons and those not in the labour force.

Table 16 - Persons Responsible for Children Under 12 Years of Age: Labour Force Status by Hours of Formal and/or Informal Child Care (a), Queensland and Australia, November 1984

Labour force status of person responsible		Hours of formal and/or informal child care a week							Total	
		Less than 5	5-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40 or more	No formal or informal child care	Number	Proportion
		'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%
Employed full-time	..	2.0	3.3	7.3	2.8	2.8	7.7	17.1	43.0	15.4
Employed part-time	..	6.2	4.8	11.2	5.5	2.6	3.4	25.1	58.9	21.1
Not employed (b)	..	19.5	16.6	24.0	4.8	2.8	5.2	103.8	176.8	63.5
<u>Total: Queensland</u>	..	27.8	24.7	42.5	13.0	8.2	16.3	146.0	278.6	100.0
<u>Australia</u>	..	168.2	151.0	216.7	81.8	51.1	112.6	878.4	1,659.8	100.0

(a) Where more than one child in the family unit used formal or informal child care, the hours have been aggregated.

(b) Comprises unemployed persons and those not in the labour force.



Table 17 - Persons Responsible for Children Under 12 Years of Age: Extent Formal Child Care Needs Were Met by Labour Force Status, Queensland and Australia, November 1984

Extent formal child care needs were met	Labour force status of the person responsible						Total	
	Employed full-time		Employed part-time		Not employed (a)			
	Number	Proportion	Number	Proportion	Number	Proportion	Number	Proportion
	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%
Formal child care used and additional care not required	9.5	17.3	12.6	23.0	32.7	59.7	54.8	100.0
Formal child care used and additional care required	*0.9	10.4	*1.4	17.3	6.0	72.2	8.3	100.0
Formal child care not used, available, and required	*1.6	11.0	*1.6	11.0	11.1	78.0	14.2	100.0
Formal child care not used, available, and not required	18.8	13.9	30.6	22.7	85.6	63.4	135.0	100.0
Formal child care not used, not available, and required	*1.7	19.3	1.9	21.4	5.4	59.3	9.1	100.0
Formal child care not used, not available, and not required	10.5	18.4	10.7	18.7	35.9	62.9	57.1	100.0
<b>Total: Queensland</b>	43.0	15.4	58.9	21.1	176.8	63.4	278.6	100.0
<b>Australia</b>	300.3	18.1	389.9	23.5	969.6	58.4	1,659.8	100.0

(a) Comprises unemployed persons and those not in the labour force.

Table 18 - Persons Responsible for Children Under 12 Years of Age Who Were Not in the Labour Force (a) and Did Not Use Formal Child Care (b): Whether Person Responsible Would Like a Job if Formal Child Care Were Available by Age Composition of the Family, Queensland and Australia, November 1984

Whether person responsible would like a job if formal child care were available	Family units with one or more children under 3 years of age				Family units with no children under 3 years of age				Total	
	No children 3-11 years	One or more children 3-5 years	One or more children 6-11 years	One or more children in both 3-5 years and 6-11 years	One or more children 3-5 years	One or more children 6-11 years	One or more children in both 3-5 years and 6-11 years		Number	Proportion
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000		'000	%
Yes - would like a job	8.3	*1.6	2.2	1.7	2.3	7.1	3.3		26.5	21.0
Maybe	*1.7	**	**	**	**	1.9	**		5.2	4.1
No - would not like a job	26.5	8.1	5.9	4.6	3.8	34.7	7.5		91.1	72.2
Don't know	*0.8	**	**	**	**	*1.7	**		3.4	2.7
<b>Total: Queensland</b>	37.2	10.1	8.5	6.6	6.8	45.5	11.5		126.2	100.00
<b>Australia</b>	189.3	72.9	59.1	34.9	31.8	255.4	80.2		723.4	100.0

(a) Including those persons who were keeping house (unpaid), attending an educational institution, retired, etc., and not otherwise included as employed or unemployed.

(b) Comprising family units that did not use formal child care in the week prior to interview.

## C. CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE

Table 19 - Children Under 12 Years of Age: Demographic and Economic Attributes of the Family by Combinations of Categories of Child Care, Queensland, November 1984

Particulars	Combinations of categories of child care							Total	
	Formal only	Informal only	Other only	Formal and informal	Formal and other	Informal and other	Formal, informal, and other	Number	Proportion
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%
Family type									
One parent family ..	4.3	15.9	28.1	1.9	**	**	**	50.6	10.2
Two parent family ..	48.4	95.5	283.0	15.5	*0.7	*1.1	**	444.3	89.8
Parents' labour force status									
All parents employed full-time ..	6.4	21.2	24.3	3.8	**	**	**	56.5	11.4
All parents employed, at least one part-time ..	10.2	32.1	52.4	5.8	**	**	**	101.0	20.4
One parent employed, the other not employed (a)	27.7	42.7	169.9	6.0	**	**	**	247.1	49.9
All parents not employed (a)	5.7	13.1	52.8	1.4	**	**	**	73.0	14.8
Not determined ..	2.6	2.4	11.6	**	**	**	**	17.4	3.5
Parents' weekly income group (b)									
Less than \$201 ..	7.0	18.5	54.7	2.2	**	**	**	82.5	16.7
\$201-\$300 ..	7.8	17.1	58.1	2.4	**	**	**	85.8	17.3
\$301-\$400 ..	12.8	21.0	72.8	3.1	**	**	**	110.4	22.3
\$401-\$500 ..	9.9	21.0	51.5	3.6	**	**	**	86.2	17.4
\$501-\$600 ..	5.0	10.7	21.3	*1.1	**	**	**	38.1	7.7
\$601 or more ..	7.4	15.4	28.1	3.4	**	**	**	54.7	11.0
Not stated ..	2.7	7.7	24.6	*1.6	**	**	**	37.1	7.5
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>52.7</b>	<b>111.4</b>	<b>311.2</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>*0.7</b>	<b>*1.5</b>	<b>**</b>	<b>494.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Not employed comprises unemployed persons and those not in the labour force. of the person responsible and spouse, if any.

(b) Combined gross weekly income

Table 20 - Children Under 12 Years of Age: Combinations of Child Care by Family Type, School Attendance, and Age of Child, Queensland, November 1984 ('000)

Combinations of child care	Family type		School attendance		Age of child (years)			Total
	One parent family	Two parent family	Attending school	Not attending school	Under 3	3-5	6-11	
Formal child care								
Pre-school ..	2.5	42.3	*1.2	43.6	*0.7	42.8	*1.2	44.8
Child care centre ..	2.5	15.9	2.1	16.2	5.4	11.2	*1.7	18.4
Family day care ..	*0.9	4.4	*0.7	4.7	2.5	2.1	*0.7	5.3
Not able to be classified	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Two or more arrangements of formal child care ..	**	*1.7	**	1.9	**	1.8	**	1.9
Total children who used formal child care ..	6.1	64.6	4.0	66.7	8.9	58.3	3.6	70.8
Total children who used formal and no informal child care (a) ..	4.3	49.1	3.4	50.0	7.0	43.1	3.3	53.4
Informal child care								
Child(ren) resident in the dwelling ..	*1.0	6.5	6.1	*1.4	*0.8	*0.8	5.9	7.5
Relative(s) resident/not resident in the dwelling (b) ..	12.1	64.4	34.6	41.9	24.2	18.5	33.7	76.5
Non-relative(s) resident/not resident in the dwelling ..	3.9	35.3	18.3	20.9	10.7	10.7	17.8	39.2
Two or more arrangements of informal child care ..	*1.2	5.9	3.1	4.0	1.8	2.5	2.8	7.1
Total children who used informal child care ..	18.2	112.1	62.1	68.2	37.6	32.6	60.1	130.3
Total children who used informal and no formal child care (a) ..	16.3	96.6	61.5	51.4	35.7	17.5	59.8	112.9
Total children who used other arrangements ..	28.5	284.8	197.4	116.0	78.2	44.1	191.1	313.3
Total children who used other arrangements only ..	28.1	283.0	195.7	115.4	78.2	43.5	189.5	311.2
Total children under 12 years of age ..	50.6	444.3	261.3	233.6	122.8	119.2	252.9	494.9

(a) A small number of these children also had other arrangements, i.e. child looks after self, scouts, music lessons, etc. (b) Excluding care by the person responsible for the child and his/her spouse.



Table 21 - Children Under 12 Years of Age Who Used Formal and/or Informal Child Care: Types of Child Care (a) by Family Type, School Attendance, and Age of Child, Queensland, November 1984  
(<sup>'000</sup>)

Formal and informal child care	Family type		School attendance		Age of child (years)			Total
	One parent family	Two parent family	Attending school	Not attending school	Under 3	3-5	6-11	
Formal child care								
Pre-school ..	2.7	44.0	*1.2	45.5	0.8	44.7	*1.2	46.7
Child care centre ..	2.5	16.6	2.1	17.0	5.4	12.0	*1.7	19.1
Family day care ..	*1.2	5.4	*0.7	5.9	2.6	3.2	*0.7	6.5
Not able to be classified	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Informal child care								
Child(ren) resident in the dwelling ..	*1.0	8.1	7.1	1.9	*0.9	*1.4	6.7	9.1
Relative(s) resident/not resident in the dwelling (b) ..	13.4	69.9	37.4	45.8	26.2	20.9	36.1	83.3
Non-relative(s) resident/not resident in the dwelling	5.1	40.1	20.7	24.5	12.2	12.8	20.1	45.1

(a) All arrangements of formal and informal child care used in the week prior to interview. Any child may be included in several child care types. (b) Excluding care by the person responsible for the child and his/her spouse.

Table 22 - Children Under 12 Years of Age Who Used Formal and/or Informal Child Care: Hours and Frequency of Use and Days on Which Used by Types of Child Care (a), Queensland and Australia, November 1984  
(<sup>'000</sup>)

Particulars	Formal child care				Informal child care				
	Pre-school	Child care centre	Family day care	Not able to be classified	Child(ren) resident in the dwelling	Relative(s) resident in the dwelling (b)	Relative(s) not resident in the dwelling	Non-relative(s) resident in the dwelling	Non-relative(s) not resident in the dwelling
Hours of child care a week									
Less than 5 ..	3.1	5.2	*0.7	**	5.2	6.3	26.7	*1.0	21.1
5-9 ..	12.4	4.3	2.2	**	2.1	2.8	16.2	**	10.3
10-19 ..	30.5	4.9	1.8	**	*1.3	2.4	11.7	**	5.2
20-29 ..	**	1.8	**	**	**	*1.0	6.1	**	2.8
30 or more ..	**	2.9	*1.3	**	**	*1.7	8.4	**	3.6
Frequency of child care									
Daily ..	26.0	6.8	2.1	**	3.1	4.8	10.9	**	8.6
At least once a week ..	20.6	10.3	4.5	**	4.6	5.5	25.4	*1.0	15.2
Less than once a week ..	**	1.9	**	**	*1.4	3.8	32.8	*1.0	19.1
Days child care used									
Only weekdays ..	46.7	18.7	6.5	**	6.9	9.7	44.9	*1.6	32.6
Weekdays and weekends (c) ..	**	**	**	**	2.1	4.4	24.3	**	10.4
Total: Queensland	46.7	19.1	6.5	**	9.1	14.1	69.1	2.2	43.0
Australia	216.7	97.3	43.2	13.9	73.0	90.4	446.6	16.2	293.1

(a) All arrangements of formal and informal child care used in the week prior to interview. Any child may be included in several child care types. (b) Excluding care by the person responsible for the child and his/her spouse. (c) Including child care used on the weekend only.

Table 23 - Children Under 12 Years of Age Who Used Formal Child Care: Types of Formal Child Care (a) by Cost, Queensland, November 1984  
(<sup>'000</sup>)

Formal child care	Cost of formal child care a week					Total
	No cost	\$1-\$4	\$5-\$14	\$15-\$44	\$45 or more	
Pre-school ..	26.9	6.1	12.8	*0.8	**	46.7
Child care centre ..	2.5	3.9	6.0	5.9	*0.7	19.1
Family day care ..	**	*1.7	*1.7	2.4	**	6.5
Not able to be classified	**	**	**	**	**	**

(a) All arrangements of formal child care used in the week prior to interview. Any child may be counted in several child care types.

Table 24 - Children Under 12 Years of Age Who Used Formal and/or Informal Child Care: Hours of Child Care by Cost, Queensland and Australia, November 1984

Cost of child care a week			Hours of child care a week						Total	
			Less than 5	5-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40 or more	Queensland	Australia
Formal Child Care (a) ('000)										
No cost	..	..	2.5	3.2	22.6	**	**	**	28.4	54.6
\$1- \$4	..	..	4.7	4.6	1.8	**	**	**	11.5	123.8
\$5-\$14	..	..	*1.3	9.9	8.1	*0.8	**	**	20.2	88.4
\$15-\$44	..	..	**	**	3.8	*1.7	*1.6	1.8	9.2	71.6
\$45 or more	..	..	**	**	**	**	**	*0.7	*1.5	20.5
<u>Total</u>	..	..	8.6	18.1	36.4	2.8	2.4	2.6	70.8	358.9
Informal Child Care (a) ('000)										
No cost	..	..	49.3	24.4	18.0	7.9	4.8	5.9	110.5	704.1
\$1- \$4	..	..	2.2	*1.3	**	**	**	**	3.9	24.6
\$5-\$14	..	..	2.3	3.6	*0.9	**	**	**	6.9	61.4
\$15-\$44	..	..	**	*0.7	2.3	2.0	*0.8	2.1	8.1	63.2
45 or more	..	..	**	**	**	**	**	*0.7	*1.0	11.5
<u>Total</u>	..	..	54.0	30.0	21.6	10.1	5.9	8.7	130.3	864.9
Formal and/or Informal Child Care (b) ('000)										
No cost	..	..	46.4	23.3	35.7	7.7	5.1	5.3	123.5	673.1
\$1- \$4	..	..	5.9	5.1	2.6	**	**	**	14.5	138.4
\$5-\$14	..	..	3.0	11.2	9.3	*1.2	**	*1.0	25.9	138.4
\$15-\$44	..	..	**	*0.8	4.6	3.8	3.2	4.5	17.1	130.8
\$45 or more	..	..	**	**	**	**	*1.0	*1.4	2.7	35.3
<u>Total: Queensland</u>	..	..	55.5	40.4	52.4	13.1	10.0	12.4	183.7	..
<u>Australia</u>	..	..	349.7	253.6	276.8	88.5	55.1	92.4	..	1,116.1
Formal Child Care (a) (per cent)										
No cost	..	..	29.2	17.8	62.0	**	**	**	40.1	15.2
\$1- \$4	..	..	55.1	25.3	4.8	**	**	**	16.2	34.5
\$5-\$14	..	..	*15.6	54.5	22.2	*27.9	**	**	28.5	24.6
\$15-\$44	..	..	**	**	10.6	*61.9	*67.4	68.3	13.0	20.0
\$45 or more	..	..	**	**	**	**	**	*26.8	*2.2	5.7
<u>Total</u>	..	..	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Informal Child Care (a) (per cent)										
No cost	..	..	91.3	81.4	83.4	78.8	81.6	68.1	84.8	81.4
\$1- \$4	..	..	4.1	*4.3	**	**	**	**	3.0	2.8
\$5-\$14	..	..	4.3	11.9	*4.0	**	**	**	5.3	7.1
\$15-\$44	..	..	**	*2.4	10.8	19.7	*13.8	23.5	6.2	7.3
\$45 or more	..	..	**	**	**	**	**	*8.3	*0.8	1.3
<u>Total</u>	..	..	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Formal and/or Informal Child Care (b) (per cent)										
No cost	..	..	83.6	57.7	68.1	59.3	50.8	42.8	67.2	60.3
\$4- \$4	..	..	10.7	12.6	5.0	**	**	**	7.9	12.4
\$5-\$14	..	..	5.4	27.6	17.7	*9.3	**	*8.2	14.1	12.4
\$15-\$44	..	..	**	*2.1	8.7	29.5	32.5	36.4	9.3	11.7
\$45 or more	..	..	**	**	**	**	*9.7	*11.4	1.5	3.2
<u>Total</u>	..	..	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Including children who used both formal and informal child care. (b) Where a child used more than one category of child care, the cost and hours have been aggregated. Children who used both formal and informal child care have been counted once only.



# Technical Notes

## Reliability of the estimates

Since the estimates are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings they are subject to sampling variability; that is they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. One measure of the likely difference is given by the standard error, which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of dwellings was included. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included, and about 19 chances in 20 that the difference will be less than two standard errors. The standard error can also be expressed as a percentage of the estimate, and this is known as the relative standard error.

Space does not allow for the separate indication of the standard error of all estimates in this publication. The table below shows standard errors of estimates of number of family units, persons responsible, and children for a range of estimate sizes. These figures will not give a precise measure of the standard error of a particular estimate, but they will provide an indication of its magnitude.

An example of the calculation and use of standard errors follows:

From the table below it can be seen that an estimate of 200,000 children has a standard error of about 3,550. Therefore there are about two chances in three that the number of children would be between 196,450 and 203,550 and about 19 chances in 20 that it would be between 192,900 and 207,100 if all dwellings had been included in the survey.

As the standard errors in the table show, the smaller the estimated number of children, family units, or persons responsible, the higher is the relative standard error. Very small estimates are thus subject to such high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimates) as to detract seriously from the value for most reasonable uses. In this publication estimates with greater than 50 per cent relative standard error have not been included and are replaced by \*\*. In addition, estimates which have a relative standard error between 30 per cent and 50 per cent have been prefixed by \*. These figures should be interpreted with caution. Although figures replaced by \*\* may, in some cases, be derived by subtraction they should not be regarded as reliable.

The imprecision due to sampling variability, which is measured by the standard error, should not be confused with inaccuracies that may have occurred because of imperfections in reporting by interviewers and respondents. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as the non-sampling error, and they may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or only a sample.

## Standard Errors of Estimates, Queensland

Size of estimate	Family units and persons responsible		Children	
	No.	%	No.	%
600	310	51.7	300	50.0
800	360	45.0	350	43.8
1,000	400	40.0	400	40.0
2,000	570	28.5	570	28.5
4,000	800	20.0	800	20.0
6,000	960	16.0	960	16.0
10,000	1,200	12.0	1,200	12.0
20,000	1,650	8.3	1,600	8.0
50,000	2,350	4.7	2,250	4.5
100,000	3,050	3.1	2,850	2.9
200,000	3,950	2.0	3,550	1.8
300,000	4,500	1.5	..	..

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